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Personally appeared before me, this Nov. 1, 1906, E. J. Paxton, general manager of The Sun, who affirms that the above statement of the circulation of The Sun for the month of Oct., 1906, is true to the best of his knowledge and belief. PETER PURYEAR, Notary Public. My commission expires January 22, 1908.

Daily Thought.

"The success which is achieved at the cost of honesty is absolute failure."

REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

City Judge—Emmet W. Bagby.

Altermen.

O. B. Starks, E. E. Bell, John Farley, W. T. Miller.

Councilmen.

First Ward—John W. Bebout.

Second Ward—J. M. Oehlschlaeger, Jr.

Third Ward—H. S. Wells.

Fourth Ward—H. W. Katterjohn, long term; F. S. Johnston, short term.

Fifth Ward—Samuel A. Hill.

Sixth Ward—R. S. Barnett.

School Trustees.

First Ward—J. J. Gentry.

Second Ward—J. K. Bondurant.

Third Ward—H. C. Hoover.

Fourth Ward—Dr. C. G. Warner.

Fifth Ward—Enoch Yarbrough and John Murray.

Sixth Ward—Capt. Ed Farley.

SPLEEN NOT LOGIC.

Epigrammatic, inconsistent, naive, original, vague—altogether characteristic—was the last studied effort of the little Daily Negator yesterday to down the park bond proposition and the fire hydrant contract—and this was the refrain, always this, drumming into the ears and eyes and nostrils of its readers a term, which Hearst through his cartoons and vituperative genius has made one of opprobrium to the unthinking—corporations. "The corporations of Paducah work hand in hand."

And at the masthead, directly over the refrain we quote, are written large the words:

REGISTER NEWSPAPER COMPANY.

(Incorporated.)

That is a sample of the deceitful language employed, not to convey to the senses logical argument against the ratification of the contract and the authorization of the bond issue—Bless you, no. But to arouse a feeling of hostility in the minds of those who have been fed on Hearst literature; have had trouble with a railroad company, or have gained their idea of the functions and character of corporations by sitting on juries and listening to the harangues of lawyers in personal injury damage suits.

This paper has no attack to make against or in behalf of any corporation. It is for the water contract, because it means a saving to the people of Paducah. During this whole campaign we have not had occasion to meet a single sane argument against the ratification of this contract. This is stated as a fact, without equivocation—there has not been a single argument offered against the contract. We ask you to carefully weigh this statement, repeated for the sake of emphasis, and investigate its accuracy.

The question is asked:

If the park bond and water contract are good things for the corporations, how can you figure

it out that they are also good things for the people?

We have no information that they will be of any benefit to any corporation other than the municipal corporation of the city of Paducah.

The quotation is a sample of the kind of fight being waged—appeals to unreasoning prejudice; pat declaration and cleverly worded question designed to arouse sentiment and presupposing an argument that has never been made. No foundation has ever been laid for the assertion that any private corporation will be benefited by either proposition.

There is no corporation for the contract or for the park bond issue, as far as we know, except the Sun Publishing company and the Democrat Publishing company. There is only one corporation actively against them, that we know of, the Register Newspaper company. The only corporation that possibly could be directly interested in the park question, is the Paducah Traction company, and since it has a park of its own to which it hopes to carry people on its cars, and since these neighborhood parks are designed for the benefit of those who cannot afford street car fare every day to the open air, it can have no interests to be subserved by the parks.

We have been endeavoring to secure an expression regarding the attitude of Hon. Hal Corbett on the park bond and water contract issues, in vain. He says he is not for corporate control of affairs and yet he is the principal speaker in favor of both propositions.

Mayor Yeiser and former Mayor Lang both claim to be municipal ownership men and they insist that the ratification of the contract and the acquisition of parks will aid that project.

The park bond issue has been thoroughly explained through the papers and at three meetings held for that purpose by the park commissioners, members of the general council, Mayor Yeiser and Hon. Hal Corbett. The issue proposed is of \$100,000 to run for 40 years. The bonds will not all be issued at once, but each year as many as the estimated expense of the year's operations call for. They will not bear interest until issued, of course. The legislature has fixed the tax rate for park purposes at 5 cents on the \$100. It matters not what any one says about the "gang at Frankfort," the rate is fixed, and will pay between \$5,000 and \$6,000 annually into the park fund. This will be converted into a sinking fund, which will wipe out the bonds at maturity and pay the interest. The whole park bond plan was originated and elaborated by the park commissioners and as to their integrity Mayor Yeiser will vouch. We presume there is no criticism to be made of the character of Mayor Yeiser's appointees. The only purpose of the park system in two or three years instead of 20 or 30. The bonds will not interfere with the issuance of all the bonds the city needs for constructing a water plant as it is entitled to an additional 2 per cent on top of the original constitutional allowance.

As to the water contract—listen: The water contract is shrewdly and skillfully drawn, and a sop thrown to the people in the way of a slight reduction in fire hydrant rentals.

If you would turn to another page of that same issue you would find that the "slight reduction" is "\$4.45 per annum, and for the ten year period \$44,500. For each of the last eight years \$6,510, or of \$52,080 for the entire eight years." Thus we see that the "slight reduction" is \$96,630.

That is a mere bagatelle, perhaps; and yet when we hear a man discussing a question so flippantly and employing such deceptive language, in spite of his protestations of "always standing for the people" we can not help wondering what personal motive is behind his conduct.

If that contract is ratified, the city closes the way for it to install its own water plant.

On October 28 the same paper said: If the company was disposed to deal fairly with the city, why did it not come out and say that in two years from now the city has the option to buy the plant, and therefore, we are willing to make a contract for that length of time, and not ask for eighteen years.

Now, if that paper is so anxious that the city should build a water plant, why is it so solicitous that the company stipulate, that in two years the city may purchase the plant? The truth is, that no sane man, honestly, expects the city to build a water plant, no matter how enthusiastic he may be on the question of municipal ownership. The deterioration of the streets, the damages to city and private property, the expense of digging trenches and laying pipes would amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Another bit of information that has three times been elucidated in The Sun and as carefully coaxed by

the opposition paper is, that the contracts for only 150 of the 411 hydrants have expired. All the others will run for 20 years from the time the hydrants were installed. The most of them were installed in recent years. The opposition paper has said that for obvious reasons no one would think of constructing a municipal water plant, while a contract exists with the Paducah Water company. Consequently there is no possibility of the city building a municipal plant for eighteen or twenty years, anyhow, because these contracts for recently installed hydrants will run for that length of time. These contracts continue at the old rate, and the first 150 will continue from year to year at the option of the company at the original price, \$40, instead of \$15 each annually. The new contract consolidates them at the reduced price.

Now, we have not heard a word of argument against the contract from those who favor purchasing the plant. The franchise details the manner in which that may be done, and no contract will abrogate that feature of it. Whenever the city desires to purchase the plant, according to the terms of the franchise this contract will become null and void, the city will take over all outstanding contracts of the company, and this contract with the city will not be considered in estimating the value of the plant.

The new contract was arranged at the instance of Mayor Yeiser and the general council, who made the best possible terms with the company and safeguarded the city's interests in it. The only possible change the contract can make in the existing condition of affairs is that the city will save an average of \$5,000 annually.

We don't care what your opinion is of the Paducah Water company, the Register Newspaper company or any other corporation. The Sun is advocating the water contract and the park bond issue, because, as a newspaper it has a duty to perform in taking a stand on all public questions, and is advocating these two propositions because they are obvious and incontrovertibly for the benefit of the city and taxpayer.

Do you want your parks now or twenty years from now?

Do you wish the city to purchase water at \$12.675 a year or \$8.220 a year?

Quoting from the speech of the, as yet, unvillified Hal S. Corbett, we conclude:

"There is no question about the advisability of the park system or the water contract; but it is a question whether the city is sufficiently advanced in its ideas to want parks and a good contract."

QUESTION OF TAXATION.

For several weeks The Sun has been urging an expression regarding the course of the general council in reducing the tax rate and saving expenses amounting to over \$13,000. The gauntlet has not been taken up. Now, that it is too late for this paper to reply before the election, watch the party organ come out with claims of a deficit in funds for the fiscal year, based on a report of collections for the calendar year. There will be no deficit, except in the hospital department created by a former board, that the general fund will not take care of. The general council reduced the tax rate and the voter has a right to assume that any candidate, or his organ, attacking the record of the general council on the tax reduction, favors an increase in the rate. Remember this: If the present general council is returned, the tax rate will not be increased; there will be no deficit at the end of the fiscal year, and appropriation for the ensuing year will be just as economically looked after. The Democratic ticket stands for increased taxation.

Coming from a Democratic paper this is significant:

A city judge is to be elected and he holds office for the next three years. The police court is the most important court in the city in matters municipal. The conduct of that court means much to the people of this city. The question of good government is largely settled before that tribunal, hence every citizen should inquire into the qualifications and fitness of the candidates.

There is a comb of the truth of it. A ward politician, who has had much to do in the successful manipulation of the floating vote, must be more or less under obligation to individuals of this class. It is not well for any judicial officer to be on too intimate relations with the offenders who come before him. Over 100 prisoners every month face the police judge. Most of them are of the class that prey on society. Do you wish a man in there who has had dealings with them at the polls? Some of them are first offenders, some unfortunates and victims of environment. Do you not want a man of refinement and sympathy to deal with these, and make of them better citizens? The police court is a little

understood tribunal in its relation to society. Judge Puryear has made an excellent judge. He was defeated for the nomination by Dave Cross, in whose behalf the plea is made that he has been a hard working politician at the polls. E. W. Bagby was unanimously nominated by the Republicans and induced to run by Democrats. It will not do for right thinking people to shirk their responsibility in this issue. Those, whose interests will be subserved by the defeat of Judge Bagby, are working might and main, and spreading false reports about him. He is not running in the interest of any hobby of reform; but just to give the people an administration free from taint.

Of all the iniquitous doctrines ever enunciated the worst politically is that every man who participates in a primary must support the ticket nominated, no matter how gang ridden the primary might have been. A voter goes to the primary of his party when a representative citizen is contesting for the nomination against a machine tool. The voter goes for the express purpose of doing his best to save his party from the clutches of machine rule. Machine methods prevail and he is expected to vote for the tool of the gang, no matter how able a man may be the candidate against him. Must party regularity thus be elevated above good citizenship? Such method under the present system of primary election would undermine the government.

A local Democratic newspaper says: From a moral standpoint, Paducah reaped benefit in a change from a Democratic general council to a Republican general council.

Yes, and we can say that from a financial standpoint the city benefited. Taxes were reduced and improvements made. During the whole campaign not a syllable has been uttered against the honesty and integrity of the members of the present general council. Are they worthy of your approbation?

There is not an office up for the disposition of the people of Paducah at this election that would afford an opportunity for the incumbent to construct a machine. The offices all are legislative and judicial. They can at best offset the executive department and its appointees, and thus prevent any sort of combination inimical to the interests of the citizens.

These business men adopted resolutions favoring the fire hydrant contract and the park bond issue: George C. Wallace, Sol Dreyfuss, H. C. Rhodes, Harry Meyers, B. H. Scott, A. J. Decker, Ben Weille, W. P. Hummel, W. L. Bower, Roy L. Culley, Ed Bringham, Wallace Well, William Bradshaw, Jr., Dan Fitzpatrick and George H. Goodman.

Remember there is an election and a primary. Republicans who mistake the primary booth for the regular election booth may be deceived into losing their ballots. Make inquiries and find the right place to vote.

We have heard no denial from the lips or pen of Dave Cross that he held a meeting with negro voters at Seventh and Adams streets. Mr. Alben Barkley denied that Dave Cross met them in a church, a place which never was thought of for a moment.

Do not let the opponents of the park bond issue confuse it with other matters. It stands forth as the idea of the park commissioners for the advancement of the city. It is merely anticipating the work of 20 years without extra cost.

Do you favor honesty and faithfulness in office? Then vote for the candidates for re-election to the general council. If you wish to put the stamp of disapproval on business methods in municipal affairs vote against them.

Why was the meeting at the court house Saturday night adjourned so quickly when cries of "Dr. Murrell, speech," were raised? Didn't want both sides discussed.

Friends of the park bond issue and fire hydrant contract must not forget to vote for them. It requires a two-thirds vote, and every ballot counts.

Stand by the schools of Paducah. The Republican candidates are pledged to a platform for the best interests of the schools.

No matter what your sentiments are, you are less than a good citizen if you do not vote them.

Park bonds will not interfere with the purchase of the water plant.

Parks attract the attention of visitors. Visitors advertise a city.

Redeem the waste places in the city.

THREE SERMONS

PREACHED AT TRIMBLE STREET METHODIST CHURCH.

First Sunday Service, Well Attended at Temple Israel Yesterday—At the Churches.

Three fine services were held yesterday at the Trimble Street Methodist church, where a revival has been in progress for two weeks. The Rev. J. B. Witt, of McKenzie, Tenn., who is assisting the pastor, the Rev. W. W. Armstrong, in the series of meetings preached yesterday morning on "The Church Organized" and at night on "The Church Commissioned." Both were strong and pertinent sermons. Mr. Witt is an interesting preacher. Services were held in the afternoon for children.

Tonight the subject of Dr. Witt's sermon will be "The Church Empowered" and tomorrow night "The Mode of Baptism." The revival will continue until Wednesday night, and possibly longer. There are services each afternoon.

First Sunday Service.

The first Sunday service was held yesterday at Temple Israel and was attended by a large congregation. Rabbi D. Lovitch preached a sermon appropriate to the occasion. These services are designed as only supplementary ones. The regular Saturday morning and Friday evening services will still be held.

Dr. J. R. Henry.

The pulpit of the Sixth and Kentucky Avenue Presbyterian church was filled yesterday by the Rev. J. R. Henry, D. D., of Nashville, Tenn., formerly dean of the theological faculty of the Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tenn. Dr. Henry is a strong preacher and was heard with interest.

The "Reformation Festival" was celebrated yesterday at the German Lutheran church, with communion both morning and evening.

The Rev. J. S. Pate, of Bowling Green, filled the pulpit of the Second Baptist church yesterday.

REPUBLICAN MAJORITY.

Democrats Have Hopes of Reducing it in Wyoing.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 5.—In Wyoming the campaign has been short, but the Democrats have made an aggressive fight on reform lines, attacking the Republican organizations on economic propositions. Accusations of graft in the state administration have also been made. The state has been overwhelmingly Republican for ten years, but the Democrats hope to reduce the customary Republican majority on the state ticket this year. The choice of United States senator is involved. Senator Warren is the Republican candidate to succeed himself.

HAS DIAMOND MINE

Company to Dig Out Gems Incorporated in Kentucky.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 5.—Carter county, Kentucky, is to have a diamond mine, or, rather, diamonds will be mined for in that county. The Kentucky Transvaal Diamond Mining company, of that county, with \$100,000 capital stock, filed articles of incorporation here today. One stockholder, J. S. Rice, is from Porto Rico, while the others are from Pennsylvania and Kentucky. Carter county joins Elliott county, where the diamond "signs" have been seen and discussed for several years and where prospectors have been digging for some time.



Sweaters and Leggings

For the Boys

See the big line of sweaters we are carrying, in all the popular colors, for the youngsters, bright, rich colors and good, well made garments at \$1.50 to \$2.50. We also show big lines of Children's leggings, the largest in the city, \$1.25 up.

Doyle & Co. 516 Broadway

Park Commissioners Explain The \$100,000 Bond Issue.

The law creating the park board was introduced by Lexington, Covington and Newport, the other second class cities of Kentucky. They have parks now, and wanted provisions for their maintenance, so the prospects of it ever being repealed are out of consideration, as those towns would certainly fight any such move very vigorously.

Therefore, if, under the law, we are to have a park board, let us make the best of the opportunity and establish a system of parks NOW, for you and yours, instead of waiting twenty or more years.

Under the law, the council is to assess 5c on the \$100 for parks, which with Paducah, now, is \$5,000 a year. As the city grows this will increase.

The \$100,000 bond issue was conceived as a measure to give us now as much money as we would get under the law in twenty years, if we waited.

The commissioners will establish a sinking fund, depositing in it the money received from the city each year, and the bonds paid off with this fund when due.

They will be for forty years, and will bear 4 per cent. interest only. Absolutely no other appropriation

will be asked from the city for the parks. All the expense of buying the parks, maintaining them, the interest on the bonds, and every item of expense will be cared for out of this issue.

Therefore, your taxes won't be increased one cent, regardless of what any one may tell you. You will have to pay the 5c whether the bonds are issued or not.

But, what is the tax, 5c? If a poor man has a home he values at \$2,000, he pays \$1 a year for the parks. He would pay that in car fare alone, in one week, if he took his family to Wallace park.

It is our plan to put a park where ever they are wanted. One will be in Mechanicsburg as well as in all the localities.

Remember these facts and if there is any other point on which you want further information any member of the board will gladly give it.

The issue is for all Paducah, and in the interest of no one more than another.

The board of park commissioners:

DR. D. G. MURRELL,
H. C. RHODES,
CHARLES REED,
GEO. W. WALTERS,
EDWIN J. PAXTON.

DETECTIVES ARE SPOTTING ELECTION AND REGISTRATION LAW VIOLATORS

At a meeting of the Republican campaign committee recently, a special committee was appointed to see after the enforcement of the statute which prevents interference with voters, and private detectives were employed to report all violations of the law that provides a penalty for interference with voters in city elections.

Section 1585 A. of the Kentucky statutes provides that any person who shall unlawfully prevent or attempt to prevent any voter from casting his ballot, or who shall intimidate or attempt to intimidate any voter, so as to prevent him from casting his ballot, shall be deemed guilty of felony and shall be confined in the penitentiary not less than one year nor more than five years for each offense. And the fact that the offender is an elec-

tion officer or officer of the state, county or city, will not shield him in the violations of this law. Section 1591 of the Kentucky statutes further provides, that said law shall be liberally construed to prevent an evasion of it by any sort of shift or device. The following are held violations of the law: Unlawfully persuading a voter to remain away from the polls by bribery, or depriving him of his registration certificate by any sort of shift or device, or by inducing him to lose or otherwise dispose of his certificate. The law is exceedingly severe, and provides against every conceivable scheme that prevents a voter from casting his vote, and further provides that the offender cannot protect himself under the claim that he is an election officer or other kind of officer.

SUSPICION RESTS UPON OPPOSITION

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looked after in every instance.

For school board the same condition prevails. The Republican candidates come out squarely for the betterment of the schools, regardless of the personal interests of any individual. The Democratic candidates are silent.

Every Paducah teacher who is employed in the schools. The Republicans are for home talent.

State Primary.

The state Democratic primary comes off tomorrow. Both McCreary and Beckham are claiming the election by small majorities. The same may be said of Hager and Hays, with Hager almost a certainty. All four are claiming the first district by about 3,000. Beckham has the best of it, and apparently will carry McCracken county.

In Louisville, the storm center, which McCreary was thought to have by 5,000 a week ago, Mayor Barth with his police force and fire department, has switched clear over to Beckham, while the new papers are thundering for McCreary. The race is in doubt there.

The race will be close, and a claim of foul is certain when the winner goes under the wire.

The Beckham Claims.

The Beckham men claim that he will carry McCracken county by a big majority. Representative Louis P. Head and Harry Tandy, who are looking after the governor's interests in this county, have established headquarters in room 83 of the Palmer House and all day Sunday it was thronged with callers, friends of the governor.

"We shall carry McCracken county by 500," said Mr. Head today, "and the governor will carry the state by at least 8,000 to 10,000. We are well satisfied with the campaign, and can see nothing but victory."

"What do you think of the water contract, and the bond proposition?" he was asked.

"They both should carry," Mr. Head replied. "I am heartily in favor of both propositions, as I appreciate what they are to Paducah, and I think it is to the interest of every citizen in the city to vote for them."

MUST NOT WALK BEFORE STORE

Merchant Has Divorced Wife Enjoined, Claiming Ruin of Business.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 5.—Chancel-

lor Lyle today issued an order restraining Mrs. Alice M. Byrd, the divorced wife of a Crystal Springs merchant, from "infringing the business of her former husband. The writ also restrains Mrs. Byrd, who is described by her erstwhile husband as being a regular "she devil," from passing up and down in front of his establishment, making uncomplimentary and unpleasant remarks and telling prospective customers that Byrd and his associates are "frauds, cheats and thieves." Mrs. Byrd a few days ago was fined \$100 for assaulting the sister of Byrd and placed under peace bonds.

GIVEN UP FOR LOST.

Barkentine Milton, Bound From Havana for Mobile.